

Boston, June 25, 1844.

Dear George:

As I expected, the information that I was forced to convey to Mrs. Paul, respecting the difficulty of her being received at the Community at the present time, filled her with much distress of mind, and blotted out the last star of hope that was left beaming for her. Our friends, the Southwicks, were also greatly disappointed; for though they are hospitable and generous to a fault, they are naturally desirous (after having entertained her for so long a time) that she should find some retreat that she can call or regard as her home. My heart aches for this unfortunate, but amiable and excellent woman. Her case is one that strongly appeals to us as the friends of humanity, and especially as abolitionists. She is indeed a stranger in a strange land, without friends or relatives, without any certain abiding place, and without knowing where to direct her footsteps; and all this, solely because, being destitute of the vulgar prejudice against a colored complexion, she married in England the Rev. Nathaniel Paul, a man of fine personal appearance and talents, but one of those who are regarded by the pseudo democrats and christians of this country as belonging to an inferior race. Her sufferings on the score of this prejudice, since she came over, have been those of a martyr, which she has borne with christian resignation and fortitude.

I wish to make one more effort in her behalf. You will pardon me for my impetuosity, for I feel a degree of personal responsibility in regard to her, in consequence of my becoming acquainted with her at the time of her marriage in England. I know exactly how you are situated at the Community, both as to room and as to pecuniary matters. I know it was only the additional weight of an ounce that broke the camel's back, and that the load which you all have to carry is a very heavy one indeed. Yet I trust the proposition which I am about to make will be accepted by you, as it will involve no expense to yourselves, but will rather prove a service. It is this. If you will take Mrs. Paul under your sheltering care for a year, (after which time, other arrangements can be made,) you shall be guaranteed a dollar a week for her board, (which I suppose will cover the cost of it,) or if that be not sufficient, one dollar and a half; you at the same time receiving all that she can earn during the year; and Mrs. Southwick says, she will be able to do much, either with her needle, in the silk department, or in some other kinds of labor — and she will not be backward in trying to do whatever lies in her power. The Southwicks will pay half of her board, and I can beg the other half from other friends, if necessary. She will need little or no clothing during the year, as she has a sufficient quantity to carry her through. She has also a mattress and bed clothes, which she

can carry with her. Under these circumstances, I am sanguine that you will continue to let her be with you. As to accommodations, she will cheerfully put up with any that you can give her, however humble.

My dear George, do not let "nay" be said to this proposition, if possible. Words and entreaties I would multiply, if it were necessary. Lay this matter before your committee at once, and let me hear from you without delay. A state of suspense is one of extreme pain, frequently, and none can be more so than the present. I have encouraged Mrs. Paul to hope that this new arrangement will be successful.

Mother and sister Sarah went to Providence on Friday afternoon, and a letter from Charlotte informs us that they are doing well.

Yours, in great haste,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

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